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NOTICE OF MEETING

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

February 15, 2007
10:00 A.M.
1/ State Capitol, Room 113
Sacramento, California 95814

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO.

1. Roll Call
2. Election of Chair
3. Funding Status – Informational
4. Project Planning Account
5. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 6-20)
- *6. Approval of Minutes –October 30, 2006 and November 16, 2006 Meetings
- *7. Recovery of Funds
- *8. Crestridge Ecological Reserve, Expansions 1 and 2, \$1,900,000.00
San Diego County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Endangered Habitats League, to assist in the acquisition of fee interest in two real properties totaling 314.09± acres, near the community of Crest, located in San Diego County, together with the acceptance of two grants from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in the amount of \$5,842,125.00, and approval of an Agreement to Subgrant those federal funds to the League, for the protection of coastal sage scrub and other native habitats which are situated within a key wildlife corridor for numerous species. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Prop. 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(6)]

* Proposed Consent Calendar

1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities

- *9. Fieldstone Habitat Conservation Plan, \$300,000.00
San Diego County
- To consider the acquisition of 26± acres of real property in the community of Rancho Santa Fe, San Diego County, to protect key habitat lands for threatened and endangered species, species of special concern and a key regional wildlife corridor, and the acceptance of a federal grant from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the amount of \$562,590.00 and the use of the grant funds toward the purchase of the property. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (b/c)]
- *10. Seal Beach Pier Deck Rehabilitation, \$200,316.00
Orange County
- To consider the allocation for a cooperative project with the City of Seal Beach for the rehabilitation of decking on the City's Seal Beach Fishing Pier, located just south of the mouth of the San Gabriel River in Orange County. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]
- *11. Marshall Canyon Conservation Corridor, Expansion 1, \$1,740,000.00
Los Angeles County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to The Trust for Public Land to assist in the acquisition of 64± acres of vacant land on Miller Ranch Road located near the City of Claremont, in the County of Los Angeles, for the purpose of preserving wildlife habitat and protecting watershed. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (a) P50-SoCal]
- *12. North Claremont Preserve, Expansion 1, \$1,010,000.00
Los Angeles County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Claremont to assist in the acquisition of 180± acres of vacant land in the City of Claremont, located in the County of Los Angeles for the purpose of preserving wildlife habitat. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (a) P50-SoCal]
- *13. Devereux Slough Restoration, \$261,000.00
Santa Barbara County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the Regents of the University of California, Santa Barbara, to restore seven acres of seasonal wetlands and associated slough margin and native uplands, located on University-owned land, approximately one mile west of the City of Goleta, in Santa Barbara County. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Prop. 50), Section 79572 (a)]

- *14. Wheeler Ridge Wildlife Area, \$185,000.00
Mono County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the Eastern Sierra Land Trust to assist in the acquisition of a conservation easement over 10.28± acres of privately owned land located in Swall Meadows, westerly of State Highway 395, south of Crowley Lake in southern Mono County, for the purpose of habitat preservation and protection of deer and mountain lion migratory corridors between their summer and winter ranges. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (a)]
- *15. Grasslands Regional Park Habitat Restoration, \$542,663.00
Yolo County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the County of Yolo for a cooperative project to eradicate non-native plant species and to restore 551+ acres of grassland and vernal pool habitat on the Grasslands Regional Park, located in Yolo County, approximately two miles southeast of Davis, California. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]
- *16. Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, Water Distribution System, Phase VI, \$560,000.00
Butte County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game and the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, to complete a project to rehabilitate the entire water distribution system on the Department's Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, located approximately seven miles southwest of the City of Gridley in Butte County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (d) IWCP]
- *17. Jewett Creek Riparian Habitat Restoration, \$250,000.00
Tehama County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy for a cooperative project to restore 87± acres of riparian habitat on private land located along Jewett Creek near its confluence with the Sacramento River, approximately eight miles southeast of Corning in Tehama County. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]
- *18. Humboldt Bay Wildlife Area, Lower Janes Creek, Expansion 1, \$240,000.00
Humboldt County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Arcata, to assist in the fee acquisition of 27.3± acres of vacant land in the City of Arcata, County of Humboldt, for preservation of wildlife habitat and coastal wetlands. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (b/c)]

- *19. Mad River Slough Wildlife Area, Humboldt County \$53,000.00
- To consider the acquisition of 40± acres of vacant land located along the northern edge of Humboldt Bay near the City of Arcata in Humboldt County and acceptance of the Department of Fish and Game's Office of Spill Prevention and Response funds (\$327,000.00) on deposit with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation from adjudication/settlement Sierra Pacific Industries-Humboldt Bay 2003. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]
- *20. Lake Redding Fishing Access Improvements, Shasta County \$326,158.00
- To consider the allocation for a cooperative project with the City of Redding and the Department of Boating and Waterways to extend and widen the boat ramp and replace the steel guide pylons for the floating dock at the Lake Redding Fishing Access located on the left bank of the Sacramento River, in the City of Redding. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]
21. Malibu Lagoon State Park, Lagoon Restoration, Los Angeles County \$417,200.00
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains to provide support for the planning, design, environmental permitting, engineering, wetland delineation and monitoring of the Malibu Lagoon restoration project in Malibu Lagoon State Park, Los Angeles County, at the mouth of Malibu Creek. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Prop. 50), Section 79572 (a)]
22. Topanga State Park, Rodeo Grounds Berm Removal and Restoration, Los Angeles County \$1,847,675.00
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the removal of a berm, structures and revegetation of the site known as the Rodeo Grounds at Topanga Creek in Topanga State Park, located in Los Angeles County, just upstream from the Pacific Coast Highway and Topanga Canyon Boulevard. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Prop. 50), Section 79572 (a)]
23. San Jacinto Wildlife Area, Wetland Restoration, Riverside County \$680,000.00
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game to restore 307± acres and enhance 213± acres of wetland and riparian habitat on the Department's San Jacinto Wildlife Area, located 18 miles northeast of the City of Perris, in Riverside County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (d) (Other)]

24. Santa Cruz Island Habitat Restoration, \$1,078,000.00
Santa Barbara County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy to map invasive weeds, develop a weed control plan, eradicate or control certain invasive weeds, and plant native vegetation on 46,258± acres on Santa Cruz Island, Santa Barbara County. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]

25. Arroyo Seco River Conservation Area, \$1,350,000.00
Monterey County

To consider the acquisition of 1,674± acre conservation easement, as the initial acquisition for the Arroyo Seco River Conservation Area, in Monterey County, for the protection of high quality aquatic, riparian habitat and oak woodlands along the Arroyo Seco River, including a host of T & E species, and a linkage from the Salinas River Valley for deer and mountain lion into the Los Padres National Forest and the Ventana Wilderness. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (b/c)]

26. Dorrance Ranch, \$3,010,000.00
Monterey County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy for the acquisition of a conservation easement over two non-contiguous parcels totaling 4,330± acres, located 10 - 12 miles south of Salinas in the Sierra de Salinas Mountain Range in Monterey County, for the purposes of protecting the property from encroaching development and to support the preservation of agricultural lands and grazing lands, including oak woodlands and grasslands, as may be consistent with wildlife habitat preservation and protection of sensitive biological resources. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650 (f) Rangeland]

27. Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve, Expansions 11 and 12, \$3,367,500.00
Monterey County

To consider the acquisition of 11.5± acres of land as the 11th Expansion to the Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve and the acquisition of 204± acres of land as the 12th Expansion to the Ecological Reserve together with the acceptance of two federal grants under the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the amount of \$987,086.00 and the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program in the amount of \$1,101,716.00 and the use of the grant funds to be applied toward the purchase of the property, located south of the City of Watsonville in Monterey County for the purpose of preservation and protection of wildlife habitat. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (b/c)]

28. Millerton Preserve, Van Alen Ranch Oak Woodlands, \$1,150,000.00
Madera County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Rangeland Trust to assist in the acquisition of a conservation easement over 2,305± acres of land to protect oak woodlands, range lands, vernal pools and riparian habitat, located approximately six miles east of O'Neals and about 28 miles northeast of the City of Madera, in Madera County. [Oak Woodlands Conservation Fund]

29. Grasslands Conservation Area, Expansion 1, \$8,000,000.00
Merced County

To consider the acquisition of a conservation easement over 1,876± acres of land, for the purposes of protecting critical riparian and wetland habitat, while at the same time implementing wildlife friendly agriculture over portions of the property in Merced County. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]

30. Larkin Valley Complex, \$1,560,000.00
Santa Cruz County

To consider the acquisition of 55± acres of vacant land and the acceptance of a grant from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Recovery Land Acquisition Grant Program, to be applied toward the acquisition of the property for the protection of the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander and other species of concern. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Funds (Prop. 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(3)]

31. Big Hill Preserve and Expansion 1, \$995,000.00
Placer County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Placer Land Trust to assist in the acquisition of 320± acres of vacant land and a second grant to assist in the acquisition of a conservation easement over 313± acres of land near the City of Auburn, County of Placer, for the purpose of preserving wildlife habitat and protecting creek watershed. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (a)]

32. Truckee River Canyon, \$10,000.00
Nevada and Sierra Counties

To consider the acquisition of 3,139± acres, located on both sides of Interstate 80 (predominately on the western side) in Nevada and Sierra Counties, from Floriston to the California/Nevada state line, for the protection of streams and riparian habitats and sensitive biological resources. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (a)]

33. Sacramento River Wildlife Area Riparian Restoration, \$1,232,000.00
Wilson Landing Unit,
Glenn County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the River Partners, for a cooperative project to restore 338± acres of riparian habitat, on the Wilson Landing Unit of the Sacramento River Wildlife Area, located on the east side of the Sacramento River, approximately 10 miles northwest of the City of Chico in Glenn County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (e/f) and General Fund (CRHCP)]

34. Resolutions

Other Business

(Inquiries regarding agenda items may be directed to John P. Donnelly, Interim Executive Director of the Wildlife Conservation Board, at the address and telephone number shown on the letterhead.)